

the 10-year  
**CLME+ Strategic Action Programme (SAP)** (2015-2025)

the 5-year **UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ Project** (2023-2028)

*successor to the **CLME** (2009-2014) and **CLME+** (2015-2021) Projects,  
and supporting the implementation of the  
10-year regional **Strategic Action Programme on the Marine Environment (SAP)***

and the regional **OCEAN COORDINATION MECHANISM**



**CLME+ Strategic Action Programme (2015-2024)**  
Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems



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# GEF support for Large Marine Ecosystems: TDA/SAP approach

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regional Transboundary Diagnostic Analyses

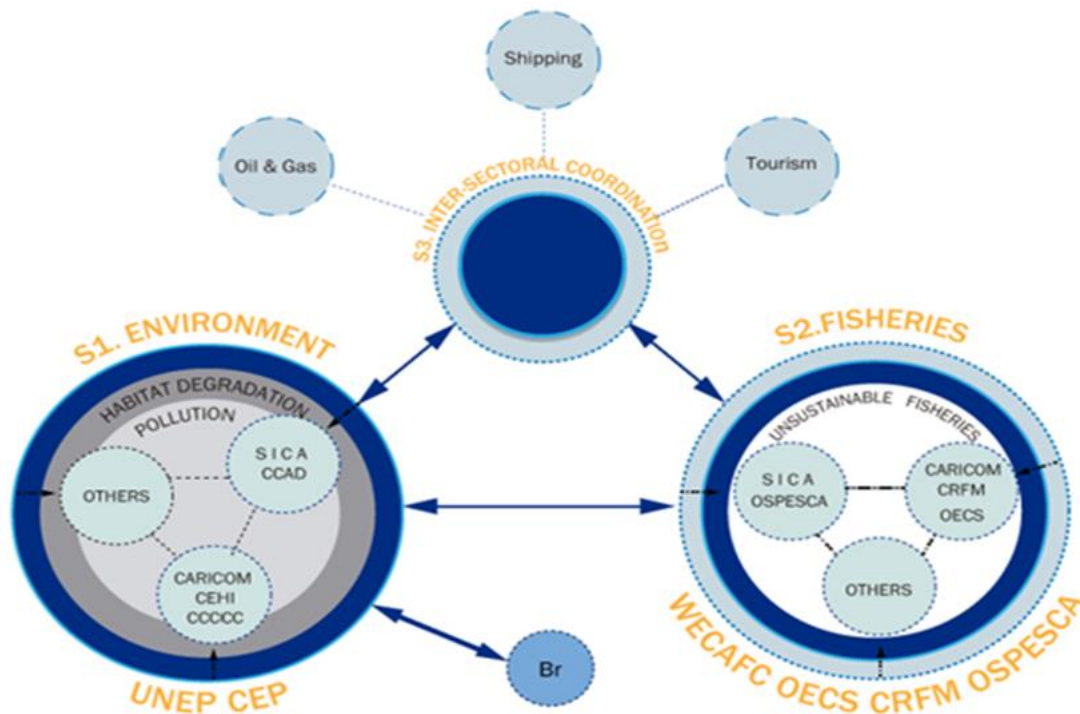


regional Strategic Action Programme

3 (+1) key transboundary problems:

- Habitat degradation
- Unsustainable fisheries
- Pollution

Cross-cutting: climate change



# The politically endorsed CLME+ SAP

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STRATEGY 3 Establish and operationalize a regional coordination mechanism			Time Frame	
			Short Term (0-5yrs)	Medium Term (6-10yrs)
A C T I O N S	3.1.	Establish and interim coordination mechanism		
	3.2.	Evaluate all options and propose a geographically inclusive, permanent mechanism, with clear mandate		
	3.3.	Adopt and operationalize the mechanism		
	3.4	Strengthen science-policy interfaces		

# regional 10-year STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME

## “CLME+ SAP”(2015-2025),

### STRATEGY 3: CROSS SECTORAL COORDINATION

Action 3.1	Action 3.2	Action 3.3	Action 3.3 (cont'd)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017: Interim Coordination Mechanism (ICM) established</li> <li>• Membership: 9 IGO's (CARICOM, CCAD, CRFM, ECLAC, IOCARIBE, OECS, OSPESCA, UNEP CEP, WECAFC)</li> <li>• 12 meetings to date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015-17 evaluation of options for the “Ocean Coordination Mechanism” (OCM)</li> <li>• 2017-21 regional negotiations on format, mandate, functions</li> <li>• Proposed membership: countries (SG) + IGO's (EG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020: agreement on key aspects of MOU</li> <li>• <i>October 2021: <u>OCM MOU text approved</u></i></li> <li>• GEF approved concept note for PROCARIBE+</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023: MOU <b>opened for signature</b></li> <li>• 2023-24: OCM operationalized, PROCARIBE+ \$ support</li> <li>• OCM supports development of new 10-year SAP</li> </ul>
CLME+ (2015-2021)			PROCARIBE+ (2023-2028)



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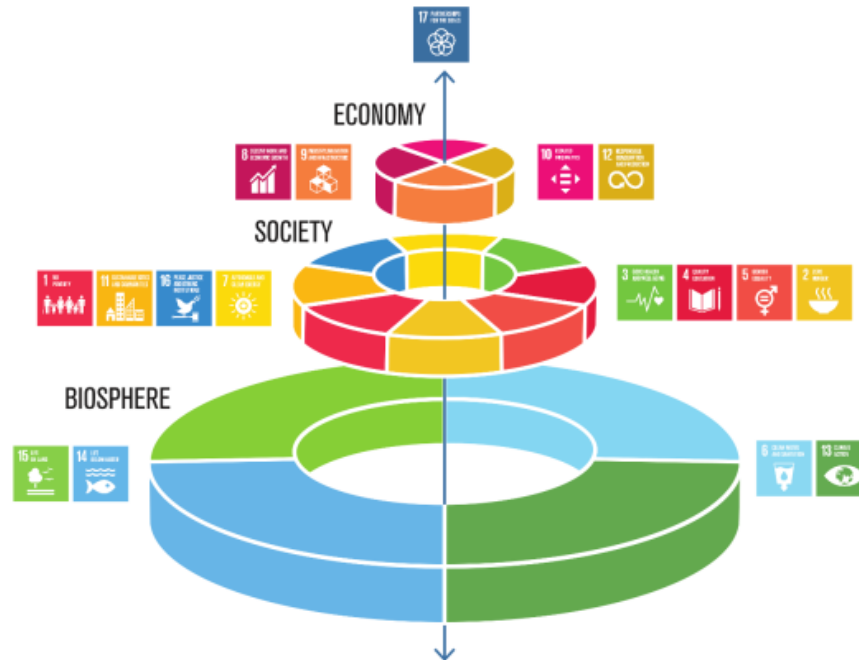
**new phase of CLME+ Initiative:**  
**the 5-year UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ Project**  
**May 2023 - May 2028**

GEF grant: USD 15,4 M

**Project Objective**

**Protect, restore and harness  
the natural coastal and marine capital of the CLME+  
region to catalyze investments in a  
climate-resilient, sustainable post-covid Blue Economy,  
through strengthened regional coordination and  
collaboration, and wide-ranging partnerships.**

**Conservation/restoration of marine and coastal natural capital = key for developing sustainable economies and reaching the “societal” & “economic” SDGs**



# Project Components



## Component 1:

Enhancing regional coordination and collaboration



## Component 2:

Enabling national environments



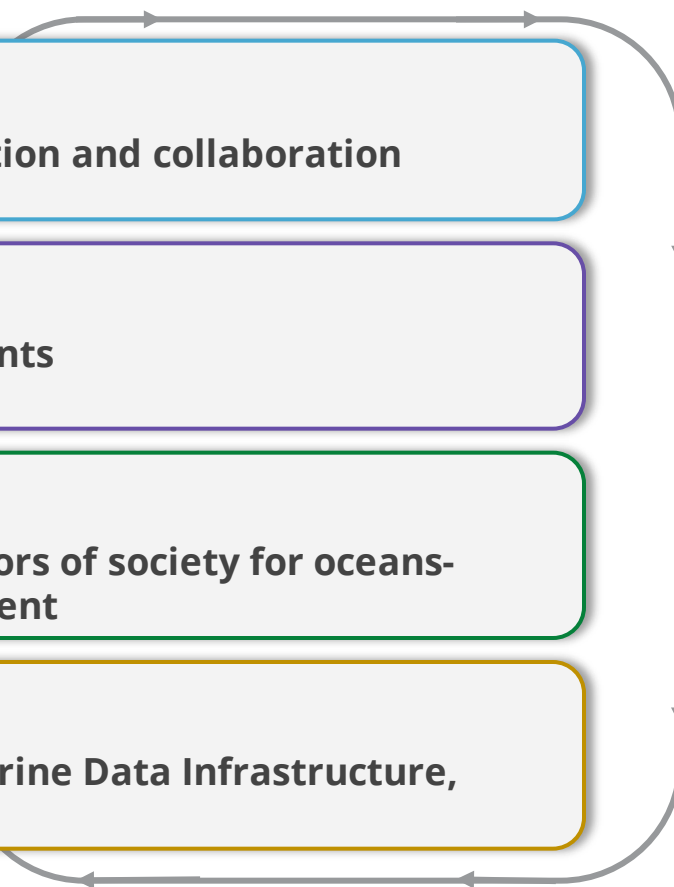
## Component 3:

Catalyzing actions by all sectors of society for oceans-based Sustainable Development



## Component 4:

Knowledge Management, Marine Data Infrastructure, Global Learning Exchanges



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### Enhanced regional coordination and collaboration

- regional Ocean Coordination Mechanism (OCM)
- Partnership(s)
- new regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP)

2



### Enhanced national capacity and enabling conditions

- National Intersectoral Committees (NIC) connected to OCM
- National Blue Economy scoping + "State of" reporting
- Training & Capacity-Building
- Marine environment in NDCs

3



### Key actions by all sectors of society

- Small Grants
- Blue Carbon pilot
- Blue Economy/Marine Spatial Planning
- MPA's & OECM's
- Traceability for Fisheries Products
- Spiny lobster: enhanced gear & practices

4



### Knowledge Management and Marine Data Infrastructure

- OCM Knowledge Management Hub
- "Blueprint" for regional Marine Data Landscape/Infrastr.
- Regional, integrated "State of the Marine Environment and Associated Economies" (SOME)
- Global exchange/learning (IW:LEARN)



## 19 Participating “eGEF” countries\*:

Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, the Bahamas, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela

\*countries who provided a PIF GEF OFP endorsement letter for PROCARIBE+

in blue: countries who also already signed the PROCARIBE+ ProDoc (status @ 20/09/2023: 9 out of 19)

non-GEF eligible countries\*\*: the Netherlands, the United States of America (USA)

\*\*countries who provided a co-financing commitment

Note: all countries will be invited to participate in the regional-level activities of PROCARIBE+



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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING enabling the creation of a Coordination Mechanism to Support Integrated Ocean Governance in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (the OCEAN COORDINATION MECHANISM, OCM)

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## II. OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives of the Coordination Mechanism are:

- a. to support regional collaboration towards a coordinated approach to the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal ecosystems and their goods and services;
- b. to support coordinated and interactive ocean governance in support of attaining ocean-based sustainable development;
- c. to promote actions towards the achievement of the long-term vision articulated in the CLME+ SAP, and other ocean-related international and regional goals and commitments of the Signatories;
- d. to promote partnerships with stakeholders from civil society and the private sector to facilitate and enhance efforts for the ecosystem based conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources and to support intersectoral coordination and collaboration.

## Core Functions

- i. Providing a platform for cyclical Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis/Strategic Action Programme ("TDA/SAP") processes, including the coordination of the periodic assessment of and reporting on the state of the marine environment and associated economies in the MoU Area and the monitoring, periodic evaluation and revision of MoU Area SAPs;
- ii. Facilitating efficient communication for coordination and collaboration in the development and implementation of regional programmes and SAPs by countries, IGOs and other partners;

# Functions of the OCM

- The Coordination Mechanism is to function to avoid duplication, create or enhance synergies and enable greater efficiency and effectiveness in the work of the MoU Signatories.

# SPECIAL AND FINAL MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE UNDP/GEF CLME+ PROJECT (11 - 12 October 2021)

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## RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS

The CLME+ Project Steering Committee:

Having convened a Special Meeting (...) with a total of 98 participants representing 25 States and Territories and 15 Organizations

- Provisionally finalizes, subject to language reconciliation, the “Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Enabling the Creation of a Coordination Mechanism to Support Integrated Ocean Governance in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems” (...) as constituting the MoU to enable the commencement and operationalization of the ocean coordination mechanism called for under Strategy 3, Action 3.3, of the CLME+ SAP.

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS**

- Requests the ICM Secretariat to announce the Opening for Signature of the MoU (...) as soon as the language reconciliation process (...) has concluded, while encouraging all IGO's listed in Annex 1 to subsequently and formally inform their Constituents, at their earliest convenience and as applicable, of the Opening for Signature of the MoU.
- Acknowledges (a) the relevance of swiftly operationalizing the coordination mechanism and (b) invites States, Territories and Inter-Governmental Organisations listed in Annex 1 to sign the MoU as soon as possible (...) noting that the (...) MoU is expected to commence on the date that (...) no fewer than 17 States or Territories and 6 IGOs have signed the MoU.
- Acknowledges the role of the Secretariat of the CLME+ Interim Coordination Mechanism (ICM) as (interim) Custodian of the coordination mechanism MoU and of the signatures thereto

# THE OCEAN COORDINATION MECHANISM

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)  
Enabling the Creation of a Coordination Mechanism  
to Support Integrated Ocean Governance  
in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems”

## ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFICIAL OPENING FOR SIGNATURE: **6 OCTOBER 2023**

CEREMONIAL OPENING AT THE **HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT, ARUBA**

## For consideration by the Contracting Parties:

- Secretariat and PROCARIBE+ Coordination Unit to jointly work, during the PROCARIBE+ inception phase, towards the integration of relevant elements of PROCARIBE+ into the work programme(s) of the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols, with clear indication of targets, responsibilities and budget, and for inter-sessional approval by the Parties
- Parties to provide guidance to the Secretariat as to its potential/desirable role in the above context

## For consideration by the Contracting Parties:

- Secretariat and Parties to support the prompt operationalization of the OCM
- Secretariat and Parties to pursue the use of the OCM as a regional platform and **KEY LEVER** to enhance delivery on the UNEP CEP Strategy and on the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols





# Thank you!

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